

Charitable Gaming in Alberta

1998-99 in Review



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MANDATE

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission's mandate, in accordance with the Gaming and Liquor Act, the Criminal Code (Canada) and within the policy framework established by government, includes the following:

- licence, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- ensure integrity and social responsibility in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- ensure business and program operations are run efficiently and effectively;
- define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- disburse provincial lottery revenues;
- support industry and government initiatives to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption;
- communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

CHARITABLE GAMING MODEL

Overview

Alberta has adopted the charitable model for casinos, bingo, raffles and pull-tickets. These gaming activities may only occur when eligible charitable or religious groups apply for and receive licences to conduct the gaming activities.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) endeavours to ensure, through the setting of appropriate policies, procedures and terms and conditions for these various gaming activities, that the financial return to charitable and religious groups is maximized for the benefit of the charitable organizations, the programs and activities they deliver and the communities in which these activities are undertaken. The AGLC seeks to ensure, as a part of its mandate, that the integrity of gaming is maintained through ongoing reviews of these gaming activities, the licensing process, and enforcement of policies, procedures and terms and conditions.

Eligibility Requirements

A charitable or religious group is eligible for a licence to conduct gaming activities if the group:

- actively delivers a program or service which provides a benefit to a significant segment of the community. The program or service must be reasonably available to all members of the general public who qualify and wish to participate in that program or use that service.
- uses revenue from its gaming activities for a charitable or religious objective or purpose.

Structure

To be eligible for licensing the applicant groups must:

- have a broad based volunteer membership;
- have an executive democratically chosen from its volunteer base;
- not pay its members, directors or officers;
- have programs which benefit a large segment of the community, not the individual member's self interest;
- be a not-for-profit organization;
- have volunteers who are responsible for establishing, maintaining control of, and delivering the group's programs; and
- be incorporated (if a licence fee is required).

Community Benefit

Alberta's Charitable Gaming Model requires that proceeds from gaming activities provide a benefit to the community. The following are some **examples** for which charitable gaming activities benefit the community at large.

CATEGORY	BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY
Relief of the aged or disadvantaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relief to the poor • programs for the elderly to remain active in society • social services and educational programs for emotionally/physically distressed
Advancing education and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student scholarships • aid to schools • aid to libraries • aid to museums • aid to the arts • aid to the preservation of cultural heritage
Help to community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improvements to quality of health • support medical research • aid medical treatment programs • supply a facility for community use • support competitive amateur athletics • contribute places for worship and other religious programs

Eligible Groups

The types of groups who are eligible to obtain licences to conduct charitable gaming activities can be categorized as follows:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Agriculture	Organizations registered under the Alberta Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act as an agricultural fair or exhibition board.
Arts	Performing visual and literary arts groups which focus on art galleries, dance, general and instrumental music, choral, opera, theatre, historical and multicultural organizations, museums and archives. This also includes marching, school and youth bands, and related groups such as parent associations and booster clubs.
Community	Groups whose activities are of a general nature that support a variety of programs in the community (for example, community associations, community leagues).
Education	Organizations including playschools, kindergarten, preschools, private schools, parent organizations in support of educational programs, colleges, technical institutions and universities.
Medicine-Health	Organizations assisting those afflicted with a specific physical or mental disorder; organizations supporting basic medical research; and, auxiliaries or support groups to health care facilities and people who are physically disabled.
Multiculturalism	Organizations which identify themselves with a country of specific ethnic origin and whose activities are of a general nature that support a wide variety of programs in the community.
Recreation	The organizations' activities are not of a competitive nature. They may include support for recreational facilities, parks and recreation organizations, among others.
Religion	Churches, parishes, temples, synagogues and auxiliary groups which support the religious activity and focus to further religious principles and objectives.
Senior Citizens	Organizations where the majority of membership is 60 years of age or older. Includes resident "clubs" in senior citizen homes and groups providing recreational and social activities for senior citizens.
Service	Fraternal, service and veteran organizations which are established by a statute or international/national "charter".
Social Action	Organizations which focus on specific issues of social concern and promote these issues through social and educational programs.
Sports	Organizations which support competitive amateur individual and team sports.
Youth	Organizations providing a variety of programming for young people, and including auxiliary groups in support of these organizations.

ALL LICENSED GAMING

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	CGTs (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Fiscal 1998/99								
Bingos	3,506	319,849	206,667	64.6	54,534	17.0		58,648
Casinos	2,534	549,413	460,306	83.8	54,962	10.0	24,258	58,403
Pull-Tickets	729	48,991	36,594	74.7	3,235	6.6		9,162
Raffles(1)	342	59,363	24,430	41.2	12,845	21.6		22,088
	7,111	977,616	727,997	74.5	125,576	12.8	24,258	148,301
Fiscal 1997/98								
Bingos	3,572	337,190	223,862	66.4	55,066	16.3		58,262
Casinos	2,291	476,712	392,997	82.4	50,725	10.6	10,975	43,965
Pull-Tickets	683	48,912	36,624	74.9	3,203	6.5		9,085
Raffles(1)	373	55,085	23,971	43.5	12,390	22.5		18,724
	6,919	917,899	677,454	73.8	121,384	13.2	10,975	130,036
Fiscal 1996/97								
Bingos	3,520	332,433	223,216	67.1	53,933	16.2		55,284
Casinos	1,769	354,598	293,753	82.8	35,672	10.1	2,680	27,853
Pull-Tickets	694	45,116	33,664	74.6	2,958	6.6		8,494
Raffles(1)	472	63,237	29,135	46.1	16,575	26.2		17,527
	6,455	795,384	579,768	72.9	109,138	13.7	2,680	109,158

FISCAL 1998-99 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	CGTs (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	1,590	370,019	283,909	44,066	9,119	51,163
Edmonton	1,905	369,384	280,139	47,270	9,639	51,614
Fort McMurray	221	13,455	9,214	2,109	296	2,428
Grande Prairie	200	14,158	9,081	2,351	688	3,414
Lethbridge	347	27,348	19,409	4,338	1,139	4,740
Medicine Hat	254	18,151	12,473	2,621	803	3,860
Red Deer	383	26,689	18,662	4,312	1,009	4,724
St. Albert	334	26,190	19,105	4,249	1,565	4,401
Other Locations	1,877	112,222	76,005	14,260	-	21,957
	7,111	977,616	727,997	125,576	24,258	148,301

(1) Does not include raffles under \$10,000.

BINGOS

	Licences	Events	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 1998/99									
Calgary	- Regular	539	9,770	61,083	40,052	65.6	12,587	20.6	8,444
	- Satellite	-	-	9,730	4,871	50.1	1,015	10.4	3,844
Edmonton	- Regular	1,040	12,346	84,417	55,723	66.0	16,783	19.9	11,911
	- Satellite	-	-	14,030	7,015	50.0	1,333	9.5	5,682
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,927	27,204	128,874	88,144	68.4	20,619	16.0	20,111
	- Satellite	-	-	21,715	10,862	50.0	2,197	10.1	8,656
		3,506	49,320	319,849	206,667	64.6	54,534	17.0	58,648
Fiscal 1997/98									
Calgary	- Regular	498	10,330	66,251	44,784	67.6	13,466	20.3	8,001
	- Satellite	-	-	9,561	4,782	50.0	911	9.5	3,868
Edmonton	- Regular	1,025	12,260	85,910	58,342	67.9	16,297	19.0	11,271
	- Satellite	-	-	13,303	6,652	50.0	1,273	9.6	5,378
All Other Locations	- Regular	2,049	28,064	139,581	98,009	70.2	20,962	15.0	20,610
	- Satellite	-	-	22,584	11,293	50.0	2,157	9.6	9,134
		3,572	50,654	337,190	223,862	66.4	55,066	16.3	58,262
Fiscal 1996/97									
Calgary	- Regular	542	10,919	69,115	47,275	68.4	13,742	19.9	8,098
	- Satellite	-	-	8,838	4,422	50.0	838	9.5	3,578
Edmonton	- Regular	1,055	12,132	86,596	59,209	68.4	16,203	18.7	11,184
	- Satellite	-	-	11,651	5,828	50.0	1,107	9.5	4,716
All Other Locations	- Regular	1,923	27,938	136,719	96,744	70.8	20,189	14.8	19,786
	- Satellite	-	-	19,514	9,738	49.9	1,854	9.5	7,922
		3,520	50,989	332,433	223,216	67.1	53,933	16.2	55,284

FISCAL 1998-99 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Events	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	539	9,770	70,813	44,923	13,602	12,288
Edmonton	1,040	12,346	98,447	62,738	18,116	17,593
Fort McMurray	82	993	9,443	6,241	1,395	1,807
Grande Prairie	66	999	7,234	4,541	1,202	1,491
Lethbridge	146	1,445	13,361	8,504	2,191	2,666
Medicine Hat	134	1,286	10,869	6,701	1,742	2,426
Red Deer	179	1,441	12,807	8,321	1,990	2,496
St. Albert	141	1,458	11,827	7,630	2,027	2,170
Other Locations	1,179	19,582	85,048	57,068	12,269	15,711
	3,506	49,320	319,849	206,667	54,534	58,648

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	CGTs (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Fiscal 1998/99								
Calgary	902	262,834	220,784	84.0	24,930	9.5	9,119	26,239
Edmonton	728	239,487	201,968	84.3	21,751	9.1	9,639	25,407
All Other Locations	904	47,092	37,554	79.7	8,281	17.6	5,500	6,757
	2,534	549,413	460,306	83.8	54,962	10.0	24,258	58,403

Fiscal 1997/98

Calgary	817	226,399	188,215	83.1	22,310	9.9	4,015	19,889
Edmonton	673	208,150	171,555	82.4	20,857	10.0	4,958	20,696
All Other Locations	801	42,163	33,227	78.8	7,558	17.9	2,002	3,380
	2,291	476,712	392,997	82.4	50,725	10.6	10,975	43,965

Fiscal 1996/97

Calgary	558	138,655	115,664	83.4	12,948	9.3	714	10,757
Edmonton	528	175,282	145,012	82.7	16,324	9.3	1,506	15,452
All Other Locations	683	40,661	33,077	81.3	6,400	15.7	460	1,644
	1,769	354,598	293,753	82.8	35,672	10.1	2,680	27,853

FISCAL 1998-99 BY MAJOR CENTRE

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Calgary	902	262,834	220,784	24,930	9,119	26,239
Edmonton	728	239,487	201,968	21,751	9,639	25,407
Fort McMurray	132	3,208	2,518	646	296	340
Grande Prairie	122	4,084	3,180	801	688	791
Lethbridge	181	11,271	9,079	1,924	1,139	1,407
Medicine Hat	101	3,702	3,107	617	803	781
Red Deer	180	10,480	8,193	2,042	1,009	1,254
St. Albert	182	14,114	11,310	2,188	1,565	2,181
Other Locations	6	233	167	63	-	3
	2,534	549,413	460,306	54,962	24,258	58,403

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 1998/99									
Calgary	85	7,518	12,680	9,471	74.7	849	6.7	2,360	18.6
Edmonton	47	4,150	6,276	4,693	74.8	357	5.7	1,226	19.5
All Other Locations	597	20,528	30,035	22,430	74.7	2,029	6.8	5,576	18.6
	729	32,196	48,991	36,594	74.7	3,235	6.6	9,162	18.7

Fiscal 1997/98

Calgary	69	8,573	14,375	10,803	75.2	872	6.1	2,700	18.8
Edmonton	45	3,830	6,211	4,672	75.2	457	7.4	1,082	17.4
All Other Locations	569	19,858	28,326	21,149	74.7	1,874	6.6	5,303	18.7
	683	32,261	48,912	36,624	74.9	3,203	6.5	9,085	18.6

Fiscal 1996/97

Calgary	74	7,698	12,214	9,117	74.6	781	6.4	2,316	19.0
Edmonton	49	2,867	4,910	3,723	75.8	320	6.5	867	17.7
All Other Locations	571	20,046	27,992	20,824	74.4	1,857	6.6	5,311	19.0
	694	30,611	45,116	33,664	74.6	2,958	6.6	8,494	18.8

FISCAL 1998-99 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	85	7,518	12,680	9,471	849	2,360
Edmonton	47	4,150	6,276	4,693	357	1,226
Fort McMurray	2	126	221	170	15	36
Grande Prairie	6	284	435	323	30	82
Lethbridge	6	1,281	1,957	1,465	133	359
Medicine Hat	12	1,387	2,871	2,226	194	451
Red Deer	8	1,212	2,177	1,629	171	377
St. Albert	8	224	214	153	19	42
Other Locations	555	16,014	22,160	16,464	1,467	4,229
	729	32,196	48,991	36,594	3,235	9,162

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	% of Gross	Expenses (\$000)	% of Gross	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)	% of Gross
Fiscal 1998/99								
Calgary	64	23,692	8,731	36.9	4,685	19.8	10,276	43.4
Edmonton	90	25,174	10,740	42.7	7,046	28.0	7,388	29.3
All Other Locations	188	10,497	4,959	47.2	1,114	10.6	4,424	42.1
	342	59,363	24,430	41.2	12,845	21.6	22,088	37.2
Fiscal 1997/98								
Calgary	66	22,376	9,005	40.2	5,615	25.1	7,756	34.7
Edmonton	12	22,475	9,760	43.4	5,654	25.2	7,061	31.4
All Other Locations	225	10,234	5,206	50.9	1,121	11.0	3,907	38.2
	373	55,085	23,971	43.5	12,390	22.5	18,724	34.0
Fiscal 1996/97								
Calgary	102	26,274	11,030	42.0	6,772	25.8	8,472	32.2
Edmonton	109	27,015	12,899	47.7	8,521	31.5	5,595	20.7
All Other Locations	261	9,948	5,206	52.3	1,282	12.9	3,460	34.8
	472	63,237	29,135	46.1	16,575	26.2	17,527	27.7

FISCAL 1998-99 BY MAJOR CENTRE

	Licences	Total Gross (\$000)	Prizes/ Winnings (\$000)	Expenses (\$000)	Net Profit to Charity (\$000)
Calgary	64	23,692	8,731	4,685	10,276
Edmonton	90	25,174	10,740	7,046	7,388
Fort McMurray	5	583	285	53	245
Grande Prairie	6	2,405	1,037	318	1,050
Lethbridge	14	759	361	90	308
Medicine Hat	7	709	439	68	202
Red Deer	16	1,225	519	109	597
St. Albert	3	35	12	15	8
Other Locations	137	4,781	2,306	461	2,014
	342	59,363	24,430	12,845	22,088

(1) Does not include raffles under \$10,000.

	Licence Fee
Bingos	
Events With Prizes \$15,000 or less	\$30 Per Event
Events With Prizes Over \$15,000	\$3,000 Per Event
Casinos	
Not at Fairs or Exhibitions	\$15 Per Table Per Day
At Fairs or Exhibitions	\$35 Per Table Per Day
Pull-Tickets	1.5% of Sales
Raffles Over \$10,000	1.5% of Sales
Casino Facilities	
Operating 6 or 7 days per week	\$500
Operating less than 6 days per week	\$100

SCHEDULE OF LICENCE FEES - EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 1999

	Licence Fee
Bingos	
At Licensed Bingo Facility	\$30 Per Event
Not At Licensed Bingo Facility	
- Events With Yearly Sales of \$150,000 or Less	NIL
- Events With Yearly Sales Over \$150,000	\$30 Per Event
Casinos	
Not at Fairs or Exhibitions	\$15 Per Table Per Day
At Fairs or Exhibitions	\$35 Per Table Per Day
Pull-Tickets	\$10 Per Set of Sealed, Boxed or Bagged Pull Tickets
Raffles	
Raffles More Than \$10,000 and Less Than \$100,000	\$150
Raffles More Than \$100,000 and Less Than \$1,000,000	\$500
Raffles \$1,000,000 or More	\$1,000
Raffle Authorizing Lottery Scheme That Involves Prize Bonds	\$10,000
Casino Facilities	
Operating 6 or 7 days per week	\$500
Operating less than 6 days per week	\$100

LICENCE FEES COLLECTED

	Bingos (\$000)	Casinos (\$000)	Pull Tickets (\$000)	Raffles (\$000)	Casino Facilities (\$000)	Total Fees Collected (\$000)
1998/99	1,135	1,437	728	855	8	4,163
1997/98	1,170	1,386	651	1,001	8	4,216
1996/97	1,202	1,081	609	1,261	19	4,172

LICENSING INFORMATION

To obtain more information about the requirements for gaming licences, contact your nearest office of the Licensing Division, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission:

St. Albert 50 Corriveau Avenue
St. Albert, AB T8N 3T5
Tel: (780) 447-8876 or 1-800-272-8876

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